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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this amendment and response are a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response one month, to and including June 27, 2002, and a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the fee for the one month extension of time; Declarations under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, signed by the inventors Oliver P. Peoples, Lara L. Madison, and Gjalt W. Huisman referencing five laboratory notebook pages that establish conception and reduction to practice of the claimed protein fusions prior to the effective date of the cited Srien reference below (March 31, 1998), and the five laboratory notebook pages detailing the step-by-step construction of the claimed fusions.